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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: BINDER ARTICLE

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CABLE. I AM DUBIOUS AS TO THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS BUT THE STORY IS REplete WITH FALSEHOODS. THREE OF WHICH I AM AWARE ARE AS FOLLOWS: (1) ALAN THOMPSON'S TRANSFER HAD BEEN DECIDED MONTHS BEFORE THE BLED SPEECH AND CAME ABOUT IN PART BECAUSE HE FALSELY TOLD THE STORY IN WASHINGTON THAT I HAD LEAKED A TOW MISSILE STORY TO DUSKO DODER. (2) BINDER IMPLIES THAT WHEN I GAVE THE BLED SPEECH I ALREADY KNEW THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD AGREED TO RELEASE TOTH "SOON". AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, I DID NOT KNOW THAT BELOVSKI WAS TO APPEAR THAT AFTERNOON AT THE STATE DEPT IN WASHINGTON AT THE TIME I GAVE THE SPEECH, BUT THE YUGOSLAVS DID. I HAD GIVEN THEM SEVERAL DAYS NOTICE THAT I WOULD HAVE TO REFER TO TOTH IN THE SPEECH. (3) THE PHANTOM INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU TO ME DIRECTING ME NOT TO PROVOKE ANY FURTHER ALTERCATIONS WITH THE YUGOSLAVS.

2. AS FOR THE REST OF THE STORY, I CERTAINLY HOPE IT IS NOT TRUE. MR. SECRETARY, I THINK IT IS TIME TO CHOOSE. I WILL AWAIT THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY.

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